

**MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, September 16, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Houston and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, was answered by Mayor Ken Houston, Councilors Cathy Gross, Jim Mann, Doug Pepple, Phil Vogel, and Ralph Widmer, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, a motion was made by Councilor Doug Pepple, seconded by Councilor Ralph Widmer, to approve the minutes as presented. Four ayes, Phil Vogel abstained, motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Gary Leonard, Twin Lakes High School Senior Class President & Student Council Vice President, addressed the Council for permission to hold the Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 27th at 4:00 p.m. The parade route will be from Jefferson Street to Main Street to Foster Street to Illinois Street, back to the high school. Councilor Doug Pepple made the motion to approve the Homecoming Parade, seconded by Councilor Cathy Gross. All ayes, motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Department Head reports were given by Fire Chief Galen Logan, Park Superintendent Mitch Billue, Street Superintendent Frank Arthur, Water Superintendent Rod Pool, Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer, and Police Chief Randy Soliday.

Committee Reports

The IT Committee will be meeting on Wednesday.

Public Hearing – 2014 Budget

Mayor Ken Houston opened the Public Hearing for the 2014 Budget. There were no questions or comments about the 2014 Budget. Mayor Houston closed the Public Hearing.

Second Reading Ordinance 2013-09; Ordinance Establishing Salaries Of Elected Officials Of The City Of Monticello, Indiana, For The Calendar Year 2014

Mayor Ken Houston stated that this is the second reading for Ordinance 2013-09. Councilor Doug Pepple made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-09; Ordinance Establishing Salaries Of Elected Officials Of The City Of Monticello, Indiana, For The Calendar Year 2014, seconded by Councilor Jim Mann. This is an increase in salaries of 2% except for the Council. All ayes, motion carried.

Second Reading Ordinance 2013-10; An Ordinance Fixing Salaries Of Appointed Officers And Employees Of The City Of Monticello, Indiana, For The Calendar Year 2014

Mayor Ken Houston stated that this is the second reading for Ordinance 2013-10. Councilor Doug Pepple made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-10; An Ordinance Fixing Salaries Of Appointed Officers And Employees Of The City Of Monticello, Indiana, For The Calendar Year

2014, seconded by Councilor Cathy Gross. This is an increase in salaries of 2% for all full time employees. Mayor Ken Houston stated the this 2% raise is with a balanced budget and contains a surplus of revenue, only made possible by the Department Heads and their budgeting requests of the City. All ayes, motion carried.

First Reading Ordinance 2013-11; Ordinance For Appropriation And Tax Rate

Councilor Phil Vogel had a few questions concerning health insurance and capital projects funding. After discussion, Councilor Jim Mann made the motion to approve Ordinance 2013-11; Ordinance For Appropriation And Tax Rate and move it on to second reading, seconded by Councilor Ralph Widmer. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration Of Resolution 2013-03; WMCA

City Attorney George Loy stated that he drafted this Resolution at the request of Joe Rogers, Area Plan Director. There is a proposed Monticello Boys & Girls Club to locate at Meadowlawn Elementary School. In order to do this, they have to apply for a special exception use by BZA. Currently Meadowlawn is classified as an educational facility. The special exception use will allow them a broader range of activities that can be held there. This Resolution makes the BZA aware that the City Council supports the proposed Monticello Boys & Girls Club and their special exception use request. Dr. Tom Fletcher, Twin Lakes School Corporation Superintendent, was in attendance tonight and supports this rezoning change. Councilor Ralph Widmer made the motion to approve Resolution 2013-03 in support of the Boys & Girls Club, seconded by Councilor Doug Pepple. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration Of Resolution 2013-04; American Fidelity Assurance Company

Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar stated that this Resolution provides for a Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan for City employees. We need to have one in house to comply with IRS regulations. This plan will be administered by American Fidelity Assurance Company at no cost to the City. Councilor Doug Pepple made the motion to accept Resolution 2013-04, seconded by Councilor Ralph Widmer. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration Of Ordinance 2013-12; Amendment To The White County Zoning Ordinance #33 – Appendix A, Ch 8, Ch 14 – Area Plan

Joe Rogers, Area Plan Director, stated that this Ordinance is to legitimize the satellite recycling facilities that are located throughout the County. Prior to this issue being addressed by Area Plan, there was no allowance in the zoning ordinance to provide for satellite recycling facilities. This issue was heard at a public meeting. Area Plan set up a subcommittee to look at recommendations that were made at that meeting. Recommendations from the subcommittee were to leave the Ordinance amendment as proposed in place, with the exception of fences. It was decided to eliminate the fence requirement that would buffer the location of the recycling center to a residential district. It was decided that the local municipalities could manage that issue much better than a zoning ordinance could. This takes an illegal use and makes it a legal use without trying to impact the desirability of recycling. Councilor Phil Vogel had concerns regarding the fence requirement being eliminated from this Ordinance. After further discussion, Councilor Jim Mann made the motion to suspend the rules in order to pass Ordinance 2013-12; Amendment To The White County Zoning Ordinance #33 – Appendix A, Ch 8, Ch 14, seconded by Councilor Doug Pepple. All ayes, motion carried. Councilor Jim Mann made the motion to pass Ordinance 2013-12; Amendment To The White County Zoning Ordinance #33 – Appendix A, Ch 8, Ch 14, seconded by Councilor Doug Pepple. Four ayes, Councilor Phil Vogel nay, motion carried.

Consideration Of Ordinance 2013-13; Amendment To The White County Zoning Ordinance #35 – Ch 6, Appendix E – Area Plan

Joe Rogers, Area Plan Director, stated that the DNR, working with FEMA, has established new flood plain maps. Those maps will become effective January 2014. Part of the requirement of the DNR is that a new flood plain management ordinance had to be passed in order to not lose your eligibility for

flood insurance. A model ordinance was presented to the Building Department. The ordinance had a March 15th deadline date to be approved. That did not get done. Subsequently, any municipality in White County that have residences that are eligible for flood insurance, they must either adopt their own flood plain ordinance or they delegate that responsibility to the County flood plain administrator. The flood plain administrator would be the County's Building Department. On presentation of the model ordinance, it is reconciled with the County ordinance and the White County Zoning ordinance. The goal is that the flood plain maps, approved by FEMA, will actually be incorporated into the mapping system, creating an overlay district. Two parts need to be approved. The amendment to the Ordinance needs to be approved by the Council and, also, approve an Ordinance that delegates the management of the flood plain to the County. Councilor Phil Vogel made the motion to suspend the rules in order to pass Ordinance 2013-13 on first reading, seconded by Councilor Cathy Gross. Councilor Phil Vogel made the motion to approve Ordinance 2013-13; Amendment To The White County Zoning Ordinance #35 – Ch 6, Appendix E, seconded by Councilor Jim Mann. All ayes, motion carried. The Ordinance delegating the management of the flood plain to the County will be approved at the next Council meeting on Wednesday, October 9th.

Accounts Payable

Councilor Phil Vogel made the motion to approve the accounts payable as presented, seconded by Councilor Jim Mann. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous And All Other Matter

Councilor Ralph Widmer stated that he has had the opportunity and privilege to meet with each of the Department Heads in the last few weeks. His opinion, so far, is that the City of Monticello is in very good hands. He really appreciates the time each of them spent with him explaining their departments and giving him the grand tour at their locations.

Cathy Gross, ADA Coordinator, reminded everyone that the Mayor's Advisory Council is having their first annual golf outing this Saturday, September 21st at Hollow Acres Golf Course. There are two tee times at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. There is Putt-Putt and Par 3. Please consider forming a team.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Liz Oilar, IAMC, CMC
City Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello